

Molecular Structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$, a Model for Ligand Exchange between Te(IV) Centers

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$\text{ClTe}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$ could be prepared from stoichiometric amounts of TeCl_4 and $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$, a reaction that requires the exchange of ligands between different Te centers. Ligand redistribution between telluranes was studied, and rapid exchange of $-\text{Cl}$ and $-\text{OR}$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}, ^i\text{Pr}$) ligands in solutions of several binary mixtures of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$, $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$, $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$, and $\text{ClTe}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$ was established by multinuclear NMR spectroscopy. The solid-state structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$, the first structurally characterized adduct between different telluranes, was investigated by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. It exhibits a very short $\text{Te}-\text{O} \cdots \text{Te}$ bridge between the two Te centers and additional $\text{Te} \cdots \text{O}$ and $\text{Te} \cdots \text{Cl}$ contacts between different adduct molecules. Selected structural parameters of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ are $\text{Te}1-\text{Cl}1$ 274.6(3), $\text{Te}1-\text{O}13$ 191.0(5), $\text{Te}1-\text{O}12$ 194.9(6), $\text{Te}1-\text{O}11$ 200.9(7), $\text{Te}1 \cdots \text{O}24$ 226.8(5), $\text{Te}1 \cdots \text{O}11a$ 314.2(8), $\text{Te}2-\text{O}21$ 191.6(5), $\text{Te}2-\text{O}22$ 198.7(5), $\text{Te}2-\text{O}23$ 190.1(5), $\text{Te}2-\text{O}24$ 225.3(5), $\text{Te}2 \cdots \text{O}13$ 307.8(6), and $\text{Te}2 \cdots \text{O}22b$ 269.2(6) pm and $\text{Te}2-\text{O}24 \cdots \text{Te}1$ 126.1(2) $^\circ$. Ab initio (MP2/LANL2DZP) geometry optimization of the model compound $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ revealed that the central $\text{Te}-\text{O} \cdots \text{Te}$ bridge is less symmetric and hence weaker in the isolated adduct molecule than in the solid state. The stability of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ toward decomposition in $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ is attributed to the strengths of the short $\text{Te}-\text{O} \cdots \text{Te}$ bridge between $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$. On the basis of the molecular structures of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ and $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$, a mechanism for the exchange of $-\text{OR}$ groups between Te(IV) centers is proposed.

Introduction

The coordination chemistry of Te(IV) compounds recently gained interest,¹ not least due to the immunomodulatory activity of ammonium trichloro(dioxyethylene-*O,O'*)tellurate.^{2,3} Many molecular and crystal structures of Te(IV) compounds exhibiting intramolecular donor–acceptor interactions have so far been reported.^{4–7} In the solid state, Te(IV) compounds containing at least one $\text{Te}-\text{O}$ or $\text{Te}-\text{X}$ ($\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$) bond also form intermolecular donor–acceptor interactions via the O or X atoms, leading to molecular dimers,^{3,8–10} oligomers,^{11–13} or chains.¹⁴

Dynamic aspects of the coordination chemistry of Te(IV) compounds were studied via NMR spectroscopy.¹⁵ The presence of a Lewis acidic site in combination with a quick and easy exchange of ligands *in solution* is a feature exhibited by compounds that act as homogeneous catalysts.¹⁶ A closer look at the ligand exchange reactions and the donor–acceptor interactions in telluranes is thus of interest to evaluate a potential catalytic activity.

Results and Discussion

Synthesis. For the known compound $\text{ClTe}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$,¹⁷ a new synthesis was found by reacting stoichiometric amounts of TeCl_4 and $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$, respectively, in THF solution, while $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ was successfully synthesized from equal amounts of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and acetyl chloride. By NMR spectroscopy, we discovered that the reaction mixture can be kept at room temperature to obtain the products. They precipitated either on cooling or on slowly evaporating the solvent. $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ (**1**) (Figure 1) was obtained from an approximately equimolar solution of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ in CDCl_3 , which was used as a sample for NMR spectroscopic studies of exchange reactions. Complexes between Te(IV) compounds and typical Lewis bases are known, e.g., $\text{TeCl}_2(\text{OPh})_2 \cdot \text{bipy}$,¹⁸ but **1** is the first example of an adduct between two differently substituted Te(IV) compounds.

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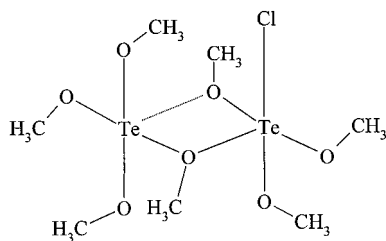


Figure 1. Structural formula of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$.

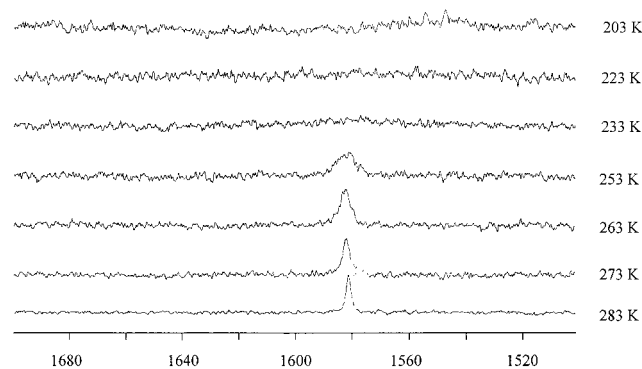


Figure 2. ^{125}Te VT NMR spectra of a mixture of $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ (0.247 mmol) and $\text{ClTe}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$ (0.144 mmol) in CD_2Cl_2 .

Table 1. ^1H and ^{125}Te NMR Chemical Shifts of Binary Mixtures of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ in CDCl_3^a

x_{OMe}	$\delta(\text{OCH}_3)$	$\delta(\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)$	$\delta(\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2)$	$\delta(\text{Te})$
0.000		1.18	4.23	1538.4
0.138	3.53	1.07	4.39	1531.9
0.264	3.60	1.14	4.47	1530.2
0.314	3.62	1.15	4.50	1529.4
0.581	3.67	1.19	4.49	1523.8
0.957	3.69	1.20	4.46	1518.8
1.000	3.71			1519.2

^a x_{OMe} represents the molar fraction of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ in the binary $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4/\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ mixture.

NMR Spectroscopy. Ligand exchange has already been established between alkoxytelluranes $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and alcohols HOR' .¹⁵ NMR experiments should elucidate dynamics of ligand exchange between different telluranes. For this purpose, NMR spectra of CDCl_3 solutions containing two tetraalkoxytelluranes, $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and $\text{Te}(\text{OR}')_4$ ($\text{R}, \text{R}' = \text{Me}, ^i\text{Pr}$) (Table 1), or containing a tetraalkoxytellurane and a chlorotrialkoxytellurane, $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OR})_3$ ($\text{R} = \text{Me}, ^i\text{Pr}$), were investigated.

All ^{125}Te NMR spectra of binary mixtures of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ show only a single signal at room temperature, indicating a rapid exchange of $-\text{OMe}$ and $-\text{O}^i\text{Pr}$. ^1H NMR spectra of mixtures of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ as well as $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_3$ exhibit only a single set of signals for the methyl and isopropyl groups; hence, a rapid exchange of alkoxy groups can be inferred as well. As only a single signal is present in the ^{125}Te NMR spectra of the same mixtures at room temperature, alkoxy and chlorine groups must also quickly exchange with each other.¹⁹ ^{125}Te VT NMR spectra (see Figure 2) support this interpretation as the single signal which is very sharp at room temperature becomes broader at lower temper-

(19) In spite of the precautions taken (see the General Procedures in the Experimental Part), it cannot be excluded that traces of HOR and HCl due to hydrolysis of the telluranes are present, which might catalyze the exchange of $-\text{OR}$ and $-\text{Cl}$, respectively. Anyhow, the single-crystal XRD structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ (see later in the text) gives a hint to an exchange mechanism that does not rely on the presence of HOR or HCl .

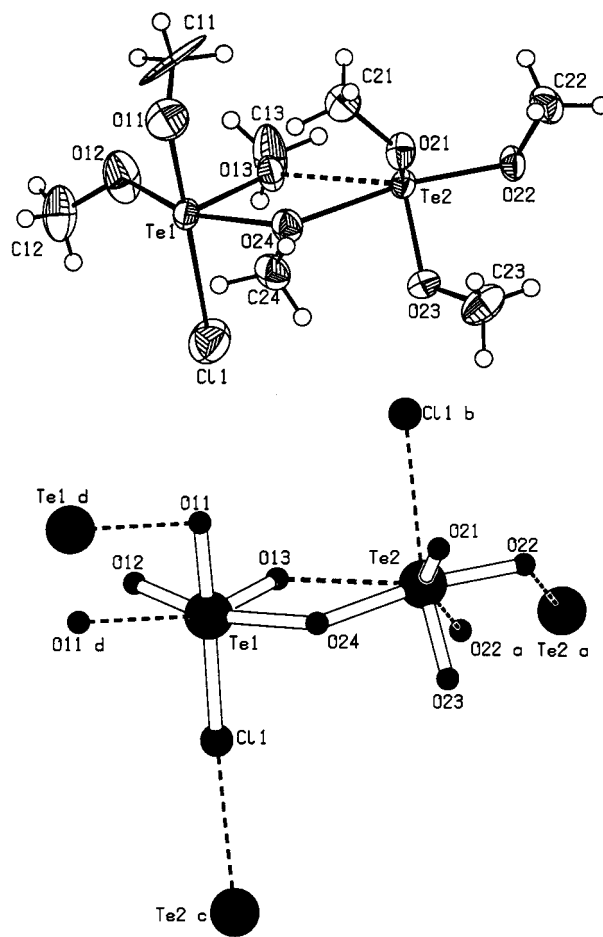


Figure 3. (a, top) Molecular structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ in the solid state. Displacement ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level. (b, bottom) Coordination mode of the Te atoms in $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$, including intermolecular contacts. Only Te , O , and Cl atoms are shown.

atures. It was too broad to be observed between 233 and 223 K, whereas at 203 K the very broad signal for $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ emerged between 1580 and 1520 ppm.

The rapid redistribution of $-\text{OR}$ ligands, either between $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and HOR' or between $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and $\text{Te}(\text{OR}')_4$, is in contrast to the rather slow exchange of $-\text{SR}$ ligands between $\text{Te}(\text{SR})_2$ and HSR' or between $\text{Te}(\text{SR})_2$ and $\text{Te}(\text{SR}')_2$ that was reported recently.²⁰ The difference between $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and $\text{Te}(\text{SR})_2$ can be rationalized in terms of a stronger Lewis acidity of the former, which leads, e.g., to intermolecular secondary bonds in all solid-state structures of $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and related compounds known so far (vide infra).

XRD Crystal and Molecular Structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ and MP2/LANL2DZP Optimized Molecular Structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$. The molecular structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ in the solid state is given in Figure 3; selected structural parameters are given in Table 2.

Comparison of the MP2/LANL2DZP optimized structures of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ with that of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ reveals structural changes due to adduct formation, while comparison of the structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ with that of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ shows the impact of the different phases, i.e., "isolated molecule" and solid state, on the molecular structure.

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Table 2. Selected Structural Parameters (Atomic Distances in Picometers, Angles in Degrees) from MP2/LANL2DZP Optimized Geometries of Te(OH)₄ (C₂), ClTe(OH)₃ (C_s), and Te(OH)₄·ClTe(OH)₃ (C₁) and the XRD Geometry of Te(OMe)₄·ClTe(OMe)₃

	Te(OH) ₄	ClTe(OH) ₃	Te(OH) ₄ · ClTe(OH) ₃	Te(OMe) ₄ · ClTe(OMe) ₃
Te1—Cl1		252.2	254.5	274.6(3)
Te1—O11		193.1	198.9	200.9(7)
Te1—O12		192.3	194.7	194.9(6)
Te1—O13		192.3	194.5	191.0(5)
Te1···O24			241.2	226.8(5)
Te1···O11a				314.2(8)
Te2—O21	194.0		190.5	191.6(5)
Te2—O22	199.5		197.7	198.7(5)
Te2—O23	194.0		193.9	190.1(5)
Te2—O24	199.5		209.6	225.3(5)
Te2···O13			301.8	307.8(6)
Te2···O22b				269.2(6)
Cl1—Te1—O11	166.3	160.8		177.5(2)
Cl1—Te1—O12	84.1	85.1		89.2(3)
Cl1—Te1—O13	84.1	81.9		86.4(2)
Cl1—Te1···O24		110.1		97.0(2)
O11—Te1—O12	87.2	82.4		88.3(4)
O11—Te1—O13	87.2	85.0		93.1(3)
O12—Te1—O13	101.1	96.0		87.7(3)
O12—Te1···O24		159.0		160.3(3)
O21—Te2—O22	90.0	83.9		87.4(2)
O21—Te2—O23	109.5	103.4		93.8(2)
O22—Te2—O23	90.0	86.4		88.9(2)
O22—Te2—O24	156.8	160.2		166.1(2)
O13—Te1···O24		72.3		74.2(2)
Te2—O24···Te1		122.0		126.1(2)
Te2—O24—Te1O13		20.9		3.9(3)

^a Numbering of the atoms according to Figure 3. MP2/LANL2DZP atomic distances refer to an *r_c* structure.

Table 3. Crystal Data for Te(OMe)₄·ClTe(OMe)₃^a

empirical formula	C ₇ H ₂₁ O ₇ ClTe ₂	α/deg	99.975(7)
fw	507.9	β/deg	99.750(7)
cryst syst	triclinic	γ/deg	91.667(7)
space group	P1	V/Å ³	763.3(1)
Z	2	no. of reflns measd	4121
λ/Å	0.710 73	no. of unique reflns	3314
temp/K	203	m/mm ⁻¹	4.01
ρ _{calcd} /g cm ⁻³	2.210	refln F > 4σ(F)	2377
a/Å	7.1309(6)	R1 [F > 4σ(F)] ^a	0.0455
b/Å	10.3345(8)	wR2 ^b	0.1116
c/Å	10.6899(8)	GOF on F ²	1.042

^a R1 = Σ||F_o - F_c||/Σ|F_o|. ^b wR2 = {Σ[w(F_o² - F_c²)²]/Σ[w(F_o)²]}^{1/2}.

Te(OMe)₄·ClTe(OMe)₃ is the first structurally characterized compound with a Te—O(R)···Te bridge between differently substituted Te atoms. Te2—O24···Te1 represents so far the shortest Te—O(R)—Te bridge, with the distances Te2—O24 and Te1···O24 being nearly equal in the solid state (see for comparison, e.g., the solid-state structures of tellurium(IV) catecholate,²¹ or tellurium(IV) tetramethylglycolate²²). The symmetry index $s = [d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O}) - d(\text{Te}-\text{O})]/[d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O}) + d(\text{Te}-\text{O})]$ can be taken as a geometric measure for the symmetry and hence the ionic character of a Te—O···Te bridge.²³ Furthermore, if the sum of the distances, $d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O}) + d(\text{Te}-\text{O})$, is similar for different bridges, their strengths can be compared by *s*. The smaller the difference between $d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O})$

and $d(\text{Te}-\text{O})$, the smaller is *s* and the more ionic is the character of the bridge. If $d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O})$ and $d(\text{Te}-\text{O})$ differ significantly, the latter can be regarded as a normal covalent bond, while the former represents a weak secondary interaction. Thus, for comparable sums of $d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O})$ and $d(\text{Te}-\text{O})$, the bridge with the higher ionic character is the stronger one. For Te1···O24—Te2 in **1**, *s* is calculated as 3.3×10^{-3} , while for Te···O—Te bridges in tellurium(IV) catecholate,²¹ tellurium(IV) tetramethylglycolate,²² trichloro(ethane-1,2-diolate-*O,O'*)tellurate(IV),²⁴ and 2,2'-biphenylene-2-biphenylphenoxytellurane,²⁵ values of 0.112, 0.208, 0.168, and 4.5×10^{-3} , respectively, are obtained. Thus, from the small sum of the distances Te2—O24 and Te1···O24 and the high symmetry of the Te1···O24—Te2 fragment, a high strength of the bridge can be inferred.

Apart from Te2—O23, the sequence of the Te—O bond lengths is the same for the solid-state structure of **1** and the ab initio optimized molecular structure of Te(OH)₄·ClTe(OH)₃. The axial bond Te2—O24 is significantly longer than the other covalent Te—O bonds; i.e., it is weakened by the strong interaction between O24 and Te1, the shortest dative O → Te(IV) bond known so far.²⁶ Furthermore, the sum of the bonding angles around O24 is 359.5°, giving a nearly planar Te₂OC arrangement. In the isolated adduct Te(OH)₄·ClTe(OH)₃, Te2—O24 is shorter (209.6 pm) and Te1···O24 longer (241.2 pm) than in **1** (225.3 and 226.8 pm, respectively), thus implying that the Te—O···Te bridge is less symmetrical and thus weaker ($s = 7.0 \times 10^{-2}$, vide infra) than in the solid state. We tend to attribute these differences of the Te—O···Te bridge in the two cases to the different abilities of their molecular environments to stabilize charge separations. Due to the polar environment of the solid state and additional intermolecular contacts, stabilization of an ionic bridge is much easier to accomplish for Te(OMe)₄·ClTe(OMe)₃ than for the model compound Te(OH)₄·ClTe(OH)₃, and hence a more symmetric Te—O···Te bridge is feasible for it. The Te2—O24···Te1—O13 torsion is in both cases close to the eclipse of Te2—O24 and Te1—O13, thus allowing a maximum of interaction between Te2 and O13. For the bridge Te1—O13···Te2, *s* is calculated as 0.234, rendering it obviously weaker than Te2—O24···Te1. From the geometry of the Te—O···Te bridges it is furthermore inferred that ClTe(OMe)₃ is a stronger Lewis acid than Te(OMe)₄ since it forms a distinctly shorter Te···O bond than the latter. In this respect, it is noteworthy that not a Te—Cl bond but a Te—O bond is trans to Te1···O24.

On the basis of the molecular structures of Te(OMe)₄·ClTe(OMe)₃ and Te(OH)₄·ClTe(OH)₃, a mechanism for the exchange of alkoxy groups between different Te(IV) centers is proposed (see Scheme 1).

In the solid state, additional Te···O interactions lead to chains of Te(OMe)₄·ClTe(OMe)₃ units, the chains being linked to each other by Te···Cl contacts. In the solid state the bond angles at Te1 become close to 90° and 180°, respectively, reflecting the reduced repulsion of the lone pair on the other bonds of Te1.

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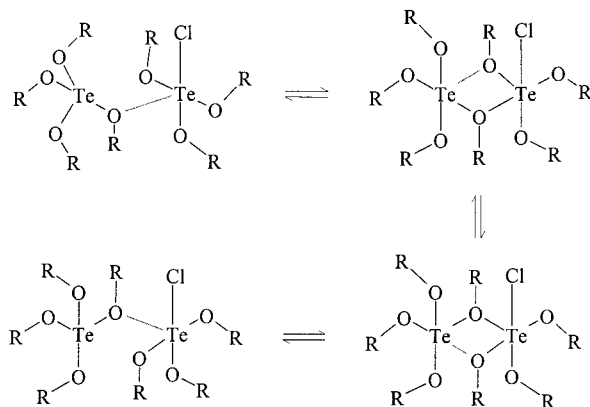
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Scheme 1. Proposed Mechanism for the Exchange of Alkoxy Groups between $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OR})_3$ 

This effect is attributed to the intermolecular $\text{Te}\cdots\text{O}$ contacts in the solid state, by which Te1 reaches a coordination number of 6 (see Figure 3b), with a slightly distorted octahedral configuration. $\text{Te1}\cdots\text{O11a}$ slightly increases $\text{Te1}-\text{O11}$, while the $\text{Te2}\cdots\text{O22b}$ and $\text{Te2}\cdots\text{Cl1}$ contacts significantly narrow $\text{O21}-\text{Te2}-\text{O23}$ and slightly increase $\text{Te2}-\text{O22}$. The configuration of Te2 is best described as tricapped ψ trigonal bipyramidal. The coordination of the Te atom in $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4$ (C_2 symmetry) can be described as ψ trigonal bipyramidal, with O22 and O24 being in apical positions and O21, O23, and the lone pair in equatorial positions. In accordance with the VSEPR rule, bonds to the apical ligands are longer than those to the equatorial ones. In $\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ (C_s symmetry), the coordination of the Te atoms is distorted pseudo trigonal bipyramidal, as can be seen from the bonding angles. Considering the lengths of the $\text{Te}-\text{O}$ bonds, there is hardly any difference between the equatorial and the axial ones, a fact attributed to the smaller trans effect of Cl compared to O.

The impact of formation of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ from $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ on their molecular structures is less dramatic than the changes of the adduct between the isolated molecule and the solid state, as can be seen from Table 2. Intermolecular interactions are responsible for $\text{Te1}-\text{Cl1}$ being longer in $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ than in $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$. MP2/LANL2DZP thermochemical calculations for the formation of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ from $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$, corrected for the basis set superposition error by counterpoise calculations, gave values of $\Delta H^{298} = -46.4$ and $\Delta G^{298} = +3.7$ kJ mol^{-1} , confirming the strength of the $\text{Te2}-\text{O24}\cdots\text{Te1}$ bridge in the adduct but also indicating substantial dissociation of the adduct in the gas phase.

Conclusion

Tetraalkoxy- and chlorotrialkoxytelluranes exchange $-\text{OR}$ and $-\text{Cl}$ ligands with each other. At room temperature this reaction proceeds fast on the NMR time scale. This facile exchange can be used for synthetic purposes.

The adduct $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ owes its existence to a very strong $\text{Te}-\text{O}\cdots\text{Te}$ bridge. Comparison of solid-state and ab initio optimized molecular structures reveals a higher symmetry for this bridge in the former, due to an increased stabilization of its ionic character in a polar environment. The symmetry index, $s = [d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O}) - d(\text{Te}-\text{O})]/[d(\text{Te}\cdots\text{O}) + d(\text{Te}-\text{O})]$, proved to be a useful geometric measure to compare the strengths of $\text{Te}-\text{O}\cdots\text{Te}$ bridges. On the basis of the different geometries of the $\text{Te}-\text{O}\cdots\text{Te}$ bridges in the solid state and in

the isolated molecule, a pathway for the exchange of $-\text{OR}$ groups between $\text{Te}(\text{IV})$ centers could be suggested.

Experimental Part

General Procedures. All procedures involving TeCl_4 , $\text{Te}(\text{OR})_4$, and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OR})_3$ were carried out under an inert gas atmosphere or in a vacuum, using carefully dried glassware and solvents purified according to standard procedures. NMR: Bruker DRX 400, $B_1(^1\text{H}) = 400.0$ MHz, $B_1(^{13}\text{C}) = 100.577$ MHz, $B_1(^{125}\text{Te}) = 126.387$ MHz. Standard: TMS (^1H , ^{13}C) and $\text{Te}(\text{CH}_3)_2$ (^{125}Te). CH analysis was performed with an Elemental Vario EL2. $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ and $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ were prepared from TeCl_4 and the appropriate sodium alcoholates, according to literature procedure.²⁷

$\text{ClTe}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})$. $\text{Te}(\text{O}^i\text{Pr})_4$ (10.96 g, 30.1 mmol) and TeCl_4 (2.67 g, 9.9 mmol) were mixed in 40 mL of THF and stirred for 24 h. The solution was concentrated by evaporating THF in vacuo and then cooled to -40 $^\circ\text{C}$, and the precipitate formed was washed with cold diethyl ether and dried in vacuo. Yield: 12.62 g, 93.6%. ^1H NMR: $\delta = 5.04$ (m, 1H, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 1.27 (d, $^3J(\text{H},\text{H}) = 6.0$ Hz, $^1J(^{13}\text{C},^1\text{H}) = 127$ Hz, 6H, $-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 70.8$ ($-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$), 25.7 ($-\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$). ^{125}Te NMR: $\delta = 1634.6$.

$\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$. Acetyl chloride (1.00 g, 12.7 mmol) was added to a stirred solution of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ (3.20 g, 12.7 mmol) in 30 mL of THF. All volatile compounds were subsequently removed in vacuo, leaving a white solid, from which $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ was obtained by recrystallization from chloroform. Yield: 2.88 g, 88.5%. ^1H NMR: $\delta = 4.02$ (s). ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 53.6$. ^{125}Te NMR: $\delta = 1586$.

$\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$. $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4$ (95 mg, 0.38 mmol) and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ (103 mg, 0.40 mmol) were dissolved in 0.5 mL of CDCl_3 . On cooling to -20 $^\circ\text{C}$, colorless crystals of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$, suitable for crystal structure analysis, precipitated. ^1H NMR: $\delta = 3.86$ (s). ^{13}C NMR: $\delta = 52.5$. ^{125}Te NMR: $\delta = 1556.3$. Anal. Calcd for $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{21}\text{ClO}_7\text{Te}_2$ (fw = 507.90): C, 16.55; H, 4.17. Found: C, 16.19; H, 3.74.

Crystal Structure Determination. The crystal structure data were collected on a Siemens-P4 diffractometer, the structure was solved by direct methods and a difference Fourier technique (SIR),²⁸ and structural refinement was against F^2 (SHELXL-97).²⁹ Details of the crystal structure determination and the crystal data of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4\cdot\text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ are given in Table 3.

Theoretical Methods. The ab initio calculations were performed on various servers of the Zentrum für Datenverarbeitung, Universität Mainz, using the GAUSSIAN94 software package.³⁰ A second-order perturbation calculation according to the theory of Møller and Plesset (MP2) followed the Hartree-Fock (HF) studies to account for the effects of dynamic electron correlation.³¹ With both levels an effective core double- ζ valence basis set according to Hay and Wadt³² augmented by appropriate polarization functions for Te, Cl, and O (HF/LANL2DZP and MP2/LANL2DZP) was used.³³ At the HF level, all stationary points were characterized by numerical calculation of frequencies from first

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derivatives. Thermal corrections for H and G for all molecules in the present study were obtained at that level. The starting geometry of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ was generated from the XRD structure of $\text{Te}(\text{OMe})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OMe})_3$ by eliminating all H atoms and subsequently changing all the C atoms to H atoms. Geometry optimizations of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4$ (C_2) and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ (C_s) started from standard bond lengths and angles. Finally, counterpoise calculations were performed to account for the

basis set superposition error in calculating the energies of adduct formation of $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4 \cdot \text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$ from $\text{Te}(\text{OH})_4$ and $\text{ClTe}(\text{OH})_3$.^{34,35}

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